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Pearl Harbor Shipyard Hosts International Shipyard Management Course

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii – Seven naval officers from six countries began classes June 22 for an annual international shipyard management course at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The six-week course is designed to familiarize attendees with various management concepts on the efficient, economical and environmentally sound operation of a naval shipyard.

Most of the classes are taught by Shipyard instructors, said Robert Sonoda of the Business and Strategic Planning Office. Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity manages and funds the training, which supports the U.S. government's desires to strengthen alliances and partnerships with other countries.

The countries represented in this year's class are Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Ireland, Canada, Bangladesh and, for the first time in the 11-year history of the course, Pakistan.

The scheduling of the course fluctuates from year to year in consideration of the Islamic observance of Ramadan. Ramadan occurs earlier every year because the Islamic calendar is about 10 days shorter than the Western calendar.

An off-duty goodwill program gives students the opportunity to visit historical, cultural educational and scenic sites.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawaii with a combined civilian and military workforce of about 4,700. It has an operating budget of \$620 million, of which more than \$390 million is payroll for civilian employees. The Shipyard, strategically located in the Pacific Ocean, is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, visit <http://www.phnsy.navy.mil>.